

Post 51 honors fallen heroes on Memorial Day

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

In honor of the 1.2 million United States service men and women who have died in active military service, the Haskell Osife-Antone American Legion Post 51 hosted a Memorial Day observance at the District 1 multipurpose building on May 29.

Hundreds of Gila River Indian Community members and guests filled the gymnasium as Post 51 member Gary Anderson gave the welcoming address followed by the National Anthem sung by Marcella Gonzales, and the Posting of Colors presented by students from Blackwater Community School.

Guest speaker Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis thanked the Community for attending the event, saying every family in Gila River has its own story of brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, and children who have died during wartime.

He said his family too, had felt the tragedy of war, with the death of his great uncle Corporal Richard Lewis. Gov. Lewis said that Cpl. Lewis, who was a friend of Ira Hayes, served in the First Marine Division Reinforced in World War II, where he fought many battles in the Pacific theater, and was killed



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American Legion Post 51 Haskell Osife-Antone held a wreath laying service at the District 1 Annex Building on the morning of May 29, as part of its Memorial Day event honoring fallen U.S. soldiers.

in action in 1943.

Lance Lewis, who served in the U.S. Army Special Forces Military Assistance Command/Studies and Observations Group during the Vietnam War, spoke to the audience about his life, from the

warzones of Vietnam and Cambodia to serving the Native community as a nurse in his later years.

Lance said during the war, he provided medical support for reconnaissance teams that traveled into Cambodia to gather intelli-

gence. He said because the U.S. was not supposed to be in Cambodia at the time, his unit wore no dog tags or insignias, because if caught, they could be shot as spies.

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Gov. Lewis speaks at historic graduation for Coolidge High School

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

In the late hours of the evening, tassels had yet to be turned as parents and friends of Coolidge High School's graduating class of 2017 listened to a list of speakers including Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis, the first GRIC governor to speak at a Coolidge High School graduation.

It was a historic night. Gov. Lewis said he was impressed at the over 36 seniors from the Community, the largest Coolidge graduating class of GRIC mem-

bers.

"Thank you as well for taking the time to recognize and honor the longstanding relationship between the Gila River Indian Community and the Coolidge Schools, where over the years hundreds of our tribal members have attended, learned and flourished," Gov. Lewis said.

Lewis said as father of a recent high school graduate, it really speaks to the successes students accomplish in preparation for bigger plans ahead including getting a job or going to a university.



Christopher Lomahquahu/GRIN

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis speaks at the Coolidge graduation.

Gila River Police Department K9's train for service



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GRPD K9 program specializes in putting the dogs on patrol.

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When it comes to your average household dog, they may have the ability to sniff out an unattended hot dog or chase the neighborhood stray cat that visits the house from time to time, but the job of our police K9 friends takes on an even more important role to serve and protect.

At the Gila River Police Department, their K9 program is building a small team of four-legged companions and their handlers to go out and bust anyone who attempts to transport narcotics and catch suspects.

After going through weeks of rigorous training, the dogs' senses

are more refined.

According to Officer Sandy Brown, who is in the middle of training GRPD's newest K9 dog 'Max' and a new handler, are learning how to work as a team.

"I've been with the K9 unit for seven years now...it has always been a desire of mine, ever since I got into police work," said Brown.

The K9 program prepares their dogs before they head out on patrol, that includes 240 hours of patrol school and a 200 hour course on narcotics detection.

"[We] currently have my dog and then we have a brand new

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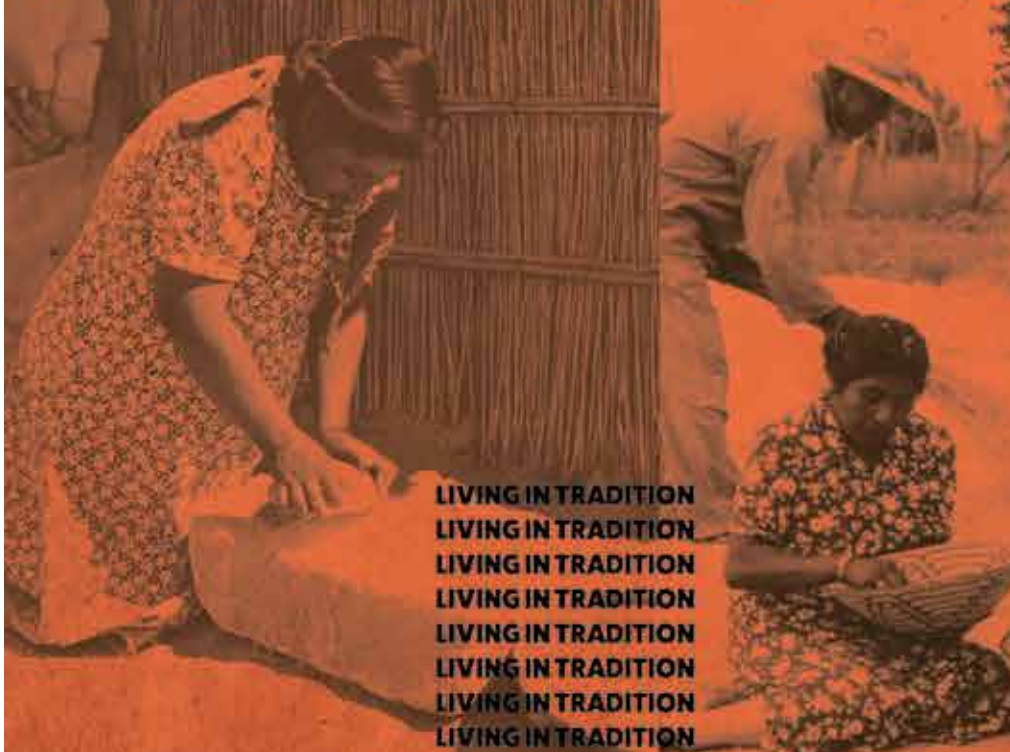
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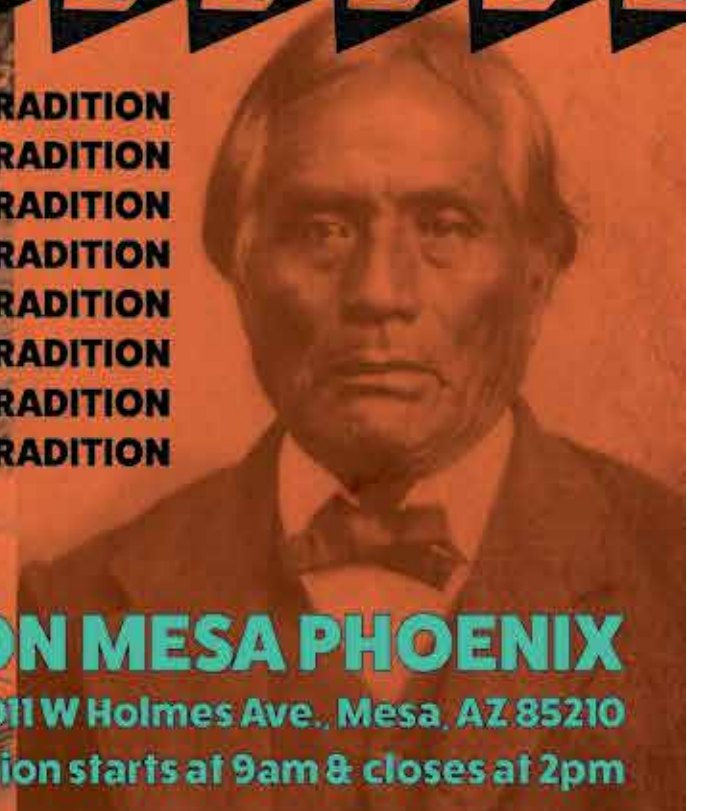
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O'otham New Year Celebration scheduled for June 17-18 in Sacaton

Mikhail Sundust

Gila River Indian News

The summer solstice marks the O'otham New Year, a time to celebrate the changing of seasons in anticipation of monsoon rains and abundant harvests.

This year, the solstice falls on June 21, but for the sake of convenience, the O'otham New Year Gathering will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 17 and last until sunrise on June 18. The gathering will be held at the Cultural Circle of the Sacaton Fair Grounds, where the Mul-Chu-Tha takes place. Thoka games will begin at 6 p.m. and food will be served at 7 p.m.

Make sure to pack some folding chairs and blankets to stay warm. A thermos of coffee would help, too, and dancing shoes are a necessity. Leave your worries of the day at home.

Families are sure to have a fun, relaxing time at the O'otham New Year Gathering. As evening turns to night, singers start calling out their songs and dancers begin to stir the earth.

According to Cultural Resource Officer Barnaby Lewis, the O'otham New Year is a chance for people to "renew those ties with the earth, the universe. Now with these kind of activities, we always offer prayers in the beginning [and] we offer prayers at the end."

He said, "we provide other traditional religious practices at the closing...providing them the traditional blessing with the use of Shegoi or Creosote smoke...and we have a ceremonial fire burning all night during that time."

He said while this time of year does hold some religious value, the gathering is also a chance to simply gather for a fun time, "listening to songs, dancing, seeing old friends, and feasting."

Lewis is one of the singers



Mikhail Sundust/GRIN

In the Sacaton Fairgrounds Culture Circle, singers welcome the sunrise while dancers move in the background at the O'otham New Year Gathering last summer.

who will keep the rhythm thumping all through the night. Over the course of nearly 10 hours, dozens of singers will sing hundreds of songs. Last year, he said, "There was a variety of different bird series songs that we sang, mostly because we wanted the people to hear the tremendous variety of melodies and tunes. ... There are blackbird songs, swallow songs, oriole songs, macaw songs... all of these songs have stories in them, but [also] they're all social dance songs."

A few hours after everyone gets settled in, there will be a midnight feast. Outside the cultural circle, a ceremonial fire lights the night from dusk until dawn.

Lewis said, "Events like this remind us who we are as O'otham people and reasserts those cultural values and teachings from the days of our ancestors."

He said, "I know that this helps to revitalize in the hearts and minds of Community mem-

bers that their roots are here, right here on the land that they walk on today that our ancestors once lived and walked on too."

The O'otham New Year Gathering is open to all O'otham communities, and they welcome their neighbors, the Pee Posh, to join as well. Lewis said Pee Posh have brought their bird songs to the gathering in the past.

Lewis said, "Community members that don't always have opportunities to participate in cultural events, this would be a good opportunity because...that's how they grow culturally in their minds and in their spirits." He said, this is definitely one of the best chances to experience their culture with friends and family.



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Gila Crossing Community promotes eighth grade class of 2017

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Gila River Indian News

The eighth grade class of Gila Crossing Community School is ready to move on to high school. Fifty eighth grade students from Gila Crossing were promoted on May 19 at a ceremony held at the Boys & Girls Club – Komatke Branch in District 6. The gym was filled with family members and supporters to witness the students say goodbye to the eighth grade and prepare for high school.

Lead Principal Dr. Gregory Sackos welcomed the graduates and reminded them that their education has just started. “Tonight is not an ending, tonight is really just a beginning,” he said.

Principal Jeremy Copenhaver thanked the parents and repeated what Dr. Sackos imparted. “Don’t let this night be the last night of your education,” Copenhaver said.

Lt. Gov. Monica Antone’s address followed student body president Damian Martinez, and she acknowledged all the teachers. “There’s always a teacher...that says, ‘yes you can,’” she said.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN
Valedictorian Kayla Thompson crosses the stage at the Gila Crossing Community School promotion on May 19.



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN
Lt. Gov. Monica Antone congratulates GCCS students at the promotion ceremony.

Valedictorian Kayla Thompson closed the evening of speakers. She followed Tribal Education Department Director Isaac Salcido and Salutatorian Antonio Hernandez. Thompson expressed her

love for her classmates and implored them to focus on their education. “I encourage you to stay away from the wrong crowd,” she said.

The ceremony concluded with a roll call of all the students and the presen-



Roberto A. Jackson/GRIN

Families and supporters fill the Boys & Girls Club - Komatke Branch for the eighth grade promotion in District 6.

tation of all the graduates. Refreshments and cake were served in an adjacent auditorium at the club.

Gila Crossing Community School Eighth Grade Class

- Andrea Acunia-Narcia
- Gabrielle Acunia
- Lucio Acunia
- Ryanna Acunia
- Angelica Antone
- Hunter Antone
- Isabelle Antone
- Jacob Barehand
- Vanesa Barehand
- Brandon Breckenridge
- Damien Cawker
- Neveah Donahue

- Lethyette Espuma
- Kayla Gage
- Damien Garnica
- Jayden Goseyun
- Armando Gutierrez
- Antonio Hernandez
- Brittney Hutchinson
- Cassandra Johnico
- Jamie Laws
- Arriyanna Lewis
- Deana Lewis
- Devin Lewis
- Erin Ludlow
- Gabyrilla Madrid
- Sandra Madrid
- Damian Martinez
- Robert Mendoza
- Emily Miles
- Simeon Nahee
- Monica Ortega

- Joann Pablo
- Augustine Percy
- Mariah Percy-Osife
- Darren Peters
- Tiara Peters
- Mariah Rios
- Ramon Silvas
- Marisol Soke
- Raymond Soke
- Ariana Sordia
- Nikki Soriano
- Jadrian Stevens
- Anhileena Sundust
- Jahirie Thomas
- Amelia Thompson
- Kayla Thompson
- Scott Walker
- Carlos Whittier

Sacaton Middle School promotes 47 students on to high school

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

Forty-seven Sacaton Middle School (SMS) students were promoted from the eighth grade at a ceremony held inside the school’s gymnasium on the evening of May 17.

Hundreds of family members, friends, and tribal dignitaries, all dressed in their Sunday best, packed into the gymnasium to witness students take the next step on their educational journey.

Guest Speaker Lt. Gov. Monica Antone said one day the students would look back and cherish the moment, when their parents, grandmas, uncles and aunts came out to support their education. She said to always remember SMS and the support the teachers have given them over the years.

She said the students being promoted were the Community’s future, and the promotion ceremony was a celebration of not only their future, but the future of the Community as well.

“You might be sitting as a council member, one of you might be the next lieutenant governor, one of you might be the governor, and that is why it is important,” she said.

“No matter where you go, this is a stepping stone



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

SMS student Jayna Morago receives an Enos Scholarship from Dale Enos. She received a backpack filled with school supplies and a laptop computer.

to your next destination in life,” Antone said. “The Community, your family members, we can’t say enough on how proud we are of you.”

“Even if [we] part ways, always know the Community is here for you. God bless every one of you and congratulations.”

Dale Enos, who runs the Brandon G. Enos Educational Foundation, presented two students, Jayna Morago and Henry Williams, with the Enos Scholarship. Enos handed each of the students a backpack filled with school supplies, and a laptop.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis talked to the students about his own time spent as a middle school student at SMS. He said he remembers writing his first name in yellow on a tile inside the school, which could

probably still be found today.

“This is the beginning of so much potential that you have,” said Lewis. “You have so many options available to you, going to high school is the next step, the next critical step in your educational journey,” he said. Remember, Lewis added, you are not the only ones being promoted, you are taking your parents, your ancestors and the Community with you on your educational journey, “always remember that moving forward,” he said.

Principal Phillip Bonds took to the podium and solemnly promoted the Sacaton Middle School Class of 2017.

“As you move in to this new time of your lives, remember to set your goals high, follow your heart, choose your friends care-



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

The SMS gymnasium was filled with hundreds of family and friends eager to witness the promotion of the SMS Class of 2016-2017.

fully, maintain high expectations of yourself and everyone around you, play hard and hold your family close,” Bonds said. “Real success requires faithfulness to the highest of human values, these are: honesty, integrity, self discipline, dignity, compassion, humility, courage, personal responsibility, courtesy, and human service. You are remarkable individuals with unlimited potential.”

“I am pleased to inform you that these young men and women have successfully completed academic requirements and have earned a Sacaton Middle School promotion certificate,” he said.

Sacaton Middle School Class of 2016-2017

- Alewine, Jaquar
- Ameelyenah, Darrius
- Anton, Heather
- Antone, Rayanne
- Antone, Stephanie
- Boss, Gabriella
- Carreno, Jessica
- Cross, Deserie
- Enos, Ellyse
- Flores, Angelica
- Hendricks, Theodore
- Howard, Xavier
- Jackson, Jodie
- Johns, Albert
- Johns, Jeriah
- June, Ethan
- Justin, Summer
- Lewis, Serenity
- Lopez, Elena
- Makil, Jayce
- Manuel, Trinity
- Moffett, Trenton

- Molina, Xavier
- Morago, Jamien
- Morago, Jayna
- Morgan-Peña, Weston
- Ochoa, Carlos
- Osife, Draven
- Osife, Eric
- Pancott, Junior
- Pasquale, Mickey
- Randall, Mariah
- Randall, Quincy
- Rivers, Marrietta
- Salkey, Aden
- Santos, Tristan
- Saucedo, Victor
- Soto, Alfonso
- Stewart, Tamara
- Tashquinth, Brenton
- Tekala, Destiny
- Tobey, Tobias
- Valenzuela, Adrian
- Vazquez, Eli
- Williams, Henry
- Wilson, Brianna
- Yazzie, Dominick

Gila River Police Department Incident Logs

Certain reports may not be available or are currently under investigation which GRPD holds the right to restrict public release.

Incident Log April 23 - 29, 2017

Calls for services this week: 621 Arrest made: 49

District One- (Blackwater):

Burglary – Officer responded to a facility in reference to theft of items. Upon inspection it was reported that approximately 200 feet in copper wire was taken, a condenser to a meat fridge and an air conditioning unit was stripped. The facility was locked with a fence surrounding it, though a piece of the barbed wire fence had been cut out.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The victim reported that his brother took yard work tools from his residence without permission. When confronted about the items the suspect said he was taking them as he loaded the items and drove away from the residence. The suspect was gone prior to officer arrival.

Status: Under Investigation

District Two – (Sacaton Flats)

Theft – A 12 foot extension ladder was reported missing from the victim's yard. The victim stated he had been a victim of criminal damage in the recent past due to ongoing trespassing and requested a report be taken in reference to his ladder being taken.

Status: Under Investigation

District Three- (Sacaton)

Shoplifting – A female suspect and two juvenile male suspects were observed taking seven bags of candy and putting them in the female's purse. After walking around store the suspects left the point of sale without paying. The suspects were observed getting on the transit bus and leaving the area.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – The reporting party stated that a male suspect was observed taking candy and placing them in his pockets before walking out of the store. The employees stated that he is a "regular" but did not know his name.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four (Stotonic Area):

Aggravated Assault –

Officers responded to a residence reference o an assault. Upon investigation it was determined the victim was dropped off at the location by a family member and the assault had occurred elsewhere. Due to the victim's injuries, they were transported to an area hospital with serious injuries.

Status: Under Investigation

District Four – (Lone Butte Area):

Shoplifting – A male suspect was observed on surveillance stealing three cartons of cigarettes while at a Community gas station. The male suspect has been at the store before and previously stole items from the Center. The suspect was observed in a SUV style vehicle leaving the premises.

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – A female subject was observed taking two pairs of sunglasses from the sunglasses rack, going to the cooler and grabbing a 20 oz soda and conceals them in her bag. She then exited the store, walking past the last point of sale, without paying for the merchandise. The female was observed getting into a black truck and driving off

Status: Under Investigation

Shoplifting – A Hispanic male walked into the Coach Store at Phoenix Premium Outlet and picked out a white Coach wallet. He then walked behind a counter and placed the wallet into a guess bag and quickly exited the store. The store was unable to determine which direction the suspect left in.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – The reporting party stated a male suspect walked into the Coach Store at Phoenix Premium Outlet and began to walk around the store. The suspect was observed to be crouching behind the counter at times and believes he may have been taking of the security tags off of the items. The male was then observed walking towards the exit with six purses in his possession. Once he went out the doors he left in an unknown direction.

Status: Under Investigation

District Five- (Casa Blanca):

Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a call in reference to a shooting victim. Investigation revealed the suspect had stabbed an individual during the course of an altercation. The individual,

who had been just stabbed, utilized a handgun to shoot the person who had just stabbed them. Both individuals were transported to an area hospital for further medical treatment.

Status: Under Investigation

District Six – (Komatke):

Aggravated Assault – The victim and reporting party stated that the suspect arrived home and began to argue. As the argument progressed the suspect grabbed a knife and struck the victim three to five times with the handle of the knife causing injuries. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested

Auto Theft – Officers responded to Vee Quiva Casino where the victim stated that while playing slots at the casino her silver Mazda was taken. The victim did not realize her vehicle was taken until she attempted to leave the casino and could not locate the vehicle. The vehicle was entered into the database as stolen.

Status: Under Investigation

Auto Theft – The victim stated the suspect took her vehicle without

permission and requested her vehicle be reported as stolen. Investigation revealed that the suspect drove the victim that night as a designated driver. The victim agreed to spend the night at the victim's residence and the keys were placed on the counter. Upon returning to the living room area, it was discovered the suspect was gone with the keys and the car.

Status: Under Investigation

Theft – the reporting party stated her campaign sign was missing from the area which she had posted it. She stated that even the rebar that was used to secure the sign was taken.

Status:

Under Investigation

District Seven – (Maricopa):

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime

Incident Log April 30 – May 6, 2017

Gila River Police officers responded to 651 calls for service and made 56 arrests.

District One:
No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Two:
No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

District Three:
Aggravated Assault – Officers responded to a physical domestic dispute in which the suspect strangled the victim. The victim refused medical attention. The suspect was arrested and booked into DRS.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Arson – A suspect set fire to a trash can in front of a residence. No other property was damaged.

Status: Under investigation.

Shoplifting – Suspects entered the Sacaton Supermart, picked up several items and then proceeded to leave the store without

paying for the merchandise.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft - A victim reported money stolen from her purse by a relative while inside of her residence. The suspect was not seen taking the money by the victim and left prior to police arrival.

Status: Under investigation.

District Four (Stotonic Area):

No incidents regarding Part 1 crime.

(Lone Butte / WHP Area)

Shoplifting – A suspect entered the Tommy Hilfiger store, removed a package of men's underwear and concealed them in a bag. The suspect was detained and the merchandise returned.

Status: Suspect was issued a criminal citation.

Theft – A suspect stole a cell phone from a patron while at Wild Horse Pass Casino. The victim was able to plot his phone using a phone finding application. The phone was located and returned.

Status: Suspect was arrested.

Theft – A suspect entered a vehicle belonging to the victim and stole a back-

pack containing personal items of value. The vehicle was parked in the parking lot of the Wild Horse Pass Casino.

Status: Under investigation.

District Five:
Auto Theft – A suspect stole a vehicle from in front of a residence. The victim's vehicle was later located on the community abandoned and partially striped and damaged.

Status: Under investigation.

District Six:
Arson – A suspect set fire to a pile of dead vegetation and left the area. Gila River Fire arrived and put out the flames.

Status: Under investigation.

Theft – A suspect took the victim's wallet while at the Vee Quiva Casino. The suspect has been identified and follow up being conducted.

Status: Charges have been forwarded.

District Seven:
Theft – A suspect, while an invited guest, took the victim's wallet after he had gone to bed.

Status: Under investigation.

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GRPD K9's train weekly in patrol school.

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dog that is currently in patrol school and once he is up and certified, then we will have a total of two," he said.

When one thinks of police K9 dogs, images of aggressive behavior and an uncontrollable urge to bite come to mind.

"I would definitely say obedience is the most important part of training. We work very hard on control of the dogs," said Brown.

He said the false perceptions of police dogs with a man-eater behavior are false, because a lot of training goes into preparing them for when they need to jump into action.

"We work hard on the control. And that 240 hours is just the basic patrol school and then we train weekly," said Brown. "My kids chase the dog around the back yard and pull his tail, pet him and play with him, they are very sociable animals," he said.

Officer Brown said it is important to understand that a lot of training is put into each dog team, which could save 800 to 1,000 man-hours every year, which allows officers to respond to other calls.

It's all about being quick and proficient and being able assist during calls that need an extra set

of eyes, ears and a nose.

One story Brown recounted was during a routine traffic stop, where individuals decided to run from the police and attempted to bury items such as guns and drugs while fleeing.

He said without the assistance of a K9 unit, it would have taken hours to locate the items that were buried by the suspects.

"With a dog it was less than 20 minutes and we had located six different items that were buried under the dirt by the suspects. Under 20 minutes that is a very short amount of time, where you would have had 6-7 officers out there for a couple of hours," said Brown.

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K9's assist in traffic stops and locating narcotics.

Brown and the other dog team are committed to seeing that they are an

effective component to the police department, which is already making strides as

Max and his handler draw closer to being field ready.

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12:30pm	Tierra Saca / Pampairos	Ravens and Eagles <i>Giiahl Galang Stories</i>	Carriers of Culture	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	Treading Water								
1:00pm	Storytellers In Motion	Vitality Gardening	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles <i>Defining Haida Art</i>	Samaqan Water Stories	Ravens and Eagles	Seasoned with Spirit <i>Food Upon The Water</i>						
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3:30pm		Working It Out Together	Indian Pride <i>Economic Development</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Billy Mills</i>	Indian Pride <i>Health and Healing</i>	Storytellers in Motion	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS						
4:00pm	Fractured Land <i>A young Indigenous law student fighting to protect his land and people from the ravages of neocolonialism.</i>	Sivummut	Aboriginal Adventures	Common Ground	Down The Mighty River <i>The River That Heals</i>	On Native Ground: Youth Report <i>Billy Mills</i>	The Other Side <i>That's The Sound</i>						
4:30pm		First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	First Talk	Indians and Aliens <i>Mabel Sam</i>						
5:00pm		Native Report	People of the Pines <i>Invasion and Response</i>	Making Regalia	People of the Pines <i>Reservation and Survival</i>	Make Prayers to the Raven	Indigenous Focus <i>Ollie & Emma 1</i>						
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6:00pm	On Native Ground: Youth Report	Carriers of Culture	Traditional Ecological Knowledge	Treading Water			Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People <i>Native Report</i>						
7:00pm	Aboriginal Adventures	Wapos Bay <i>Too Deadly</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Treasure of the Sierra Metis</i>	Wapos Bay <i>There's No "I" In Hockey</i>	Wapos Bay <i>Journey Through Fear</i>	Wapos Bay <i>They Dance at Night</i>	Hit The Ice <i>Much Needed Rest</i>						
7:30pm	Fish Out of Water <i>The Samoan Village</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Huron Museum/Village</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Iroquois Cranberry</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Apsaalooke</i>	Fish Out of Water <i>Aseniwuche Winewak</i>	GRTV NEWS WEEKLY & GRIC EVENTS	Fish Out of Water <i>Huron Museum Village</i>						
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8:30pm	The Aux <i>Diverse talents of Native American & World Indigenous cultures.</i>	2017 EARTH DAY @ Ira Hayes Park, Sacaton, AZ	Hit The Ice <i>Much Needed Rest</i>	Indigenous Focus <i>Legacy of Navajo Uranium</i>	Rez Rides <i>Pimping Out The Rolls</i>	Trail of Tears <i>A 5 part series presents the events leading up to, life and death on the Trail.</i>	Moose T.V. <i>Birth of a Station</i>						
9:00pm	Legends from the Sky <i>A Native Vet burdened by survivor's guilt searches for his missing grandfather after his ancestral land is mysteriously taken over.</i>	Nunavik: Land of Ice <i>Issues of respect and preservation of traditions and natural environment.</i>	Regaining Food <i>Sovereignty</i>	Yellow Fever <i>Young Navajo Vet, Tina Garnanez investigates the Navajo Uranium Boom.</i>	Goshen <i>Depicting the diet and active lifestyle of the indigenous Tarahumara.</i>	Trail of Tears <i>A 5 part series presents the events leading up to, life and death on the Trail.</i>	Back In Time <i>State of Sequoyah</i>						
9:30pm		Don't Get Sick After June <i>The U.S. government's dismal failure to provide health care.</i>	The relationships of health, tradition, culture and food.	Suicide has brought down the communities happiness and cast a grief.			Peyote Man						
10:00pm			Storm in the Andes <i>Josefina travels to Peru and meets Flor, whose brother was imprisoned.</i>	Back to Pikangikum <i>How humans live in balance with nature to tend to their environment.</i>			Allen Baldwin: In Frame <i>Exploration into the hearts & minds of some greatest Kuia and Kaumatua.</i>						
10:30pm													
11:00pm	The Young Ancestors <i>Explores the historical reasons behind Native American language loss.</i>	People of the Beautiful River <i>The Maliseets of Viger lose their ancestral lands and decrease population.</i>	Medicine Game <i>A very important medicine ceremony played to ward off sicknesses from the tribe.</i>	Tending The Wild <i>How humans live in balance with nature to tend to their environment.</i>			Buffy St. Marie <i>One of the most influential Aboriginal figures in recent historic times.</i>						
11:30pm													

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Something to be told or talked about

By Billy Allen

♪ Sometimes I wonder what I'm a gonna do,
But there ain't no cure for the summertime blues♪

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?" The great American writer John Steinbeck could have been speaking to elder GRIC-sters who grew up BC -- before coolers! Cooling off meant going outside under trees or sitting under a va:-to. My lu:lu'u was fond of telling us children, "You kids are spoiled, we never felt the heat until we got the cooler. Now go outside."

Life did not stop because of our normal summer weather. I fondly recall eating watermelon in the evenings and my father reminding us to save some for the horses. (You're not to scrape it down to the white of the rind.)

Here are some noteworthy events of Saguaro Ripening Month / Ha:sañ Baidag Masad.

On June 4, 1871, President Grant signed an executive order placing General

George Crook in command of Arizona, orders were to keep Indians on the reservation. General Crook was successful by using Indian scouts to find their brethren. The general used this tactic with the Snake and Paiute in the Pacific Northwest. Eventually O'odham and Piipaash scouts were phased out as the focus turned to San Carlos.

♪ Summer breeze makes me feel fine

Blowin' through the jasmine in my mind♪

On June 14, 1879, an executive order set aside the Salt River Indian Reservation for Akimel O'odham and Piipaash. Our relatives / hahajun will celebrate on June 10 with O'odham and Piipaash Social Dancing, a State of the Community Address, a Cumbia Contest, with Southern Scratch

closing out the night. Road / vohg trip!

♪ Hot town, summer in the city

Back of my neck getting dirty and gritty♪

On June 22, 1892, President Benjamin Harrison set aside one square mile of Arizona Territory surrounding the Casa Grande Ruins making it the first prehistoric and cultural reserve established in the United States. (June 21 will be the summer solstice, a key event in the O'odham year.)

♪ Well I called my congressman and he said "Whoa!"

"I'd like to help you son but you're too young to vote"♪

On June 2, 1924 Congress passed the American Indian Citizenship Act. Cit-

izenship presumably carried with it the right to vote, but many states, including Arizona, refused. In 1928, GRIC member Peter Porter filed suit but the Arizona Supreme Court ruled against Indians voting. In 1948, Yavapai members Frank Harrison and Harry Austin filed again and the Arizona Supreme Court reversed itself and granted suffrage to Native Americans.

♪ In the summertime when the weather is hot

You can stretch right up and touch the sky♪

On June 20, 1993, Michael Jordan with his Chicago Bulls beat our Suns in Game 6. We had home court advantage; Dan Majerle, Charles Barkley and the O'otham of the world with the Suns. Chicago took

the first two games in Phoenix. The Suns took Game 3, the Bulls game 4 and had a 3-1 series lead. Phoenix took game 5, bringing the series back to Phoenix. In the fourth quarter, we had the Bulls by the horns, we were up 98-96. But a pass to unguarded John Paxson let him bury a 3 pointer with 3.9 seconds left. The Bulls hung on winning their third-straight title. It was a dark night on the rez.

♪ Nobody on the road
Nobody on the beach
I feel it in the air
The summer's out of reach

Empty lake, empty streets♪

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Donna Apodaca is Governor's Employee of the Month for April



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Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, left, presents Donna Apodaca, Office Manager for the Office of the General Counsel, with the Governor's Employee of the Month award for April. Apodaca has worked for the Gila River Indian Community for 17 years.

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

For the past 17 years Donna Apodaca has worked for the Gila River Indian Community's Office of the General Counsel (OGC), beginning her career as a Legal Secretary 1 with attorney Rod Lewis and working her way up to Office Manager, she has experienced some of the tribe's most important inner workings over the past two decades.

In honor of her dedication and loyalty to the Community, Apodaca was presented the Governor's Employee of the Month award for April during a May 18 directors meeting inside the Community's Council chambers.

Richard Weschrob, Human Resources Employee Assistance/Training Specialist, presented the award with a poem.

"When office equipment breaks or needs your care, you are there. When walls and paint and appearances need some changing and some tender loving care, you are there. When delicious meals are needed with shopping and cooking, and doing all the work that is needed to prepare, you are there. When going above and beyond her department and the dedication and expertise and always working with unlimited passion to spare, you are there," said Weschrob.

Weschrob ended the poem, declaring Apodaca a very deserving nominee of the GEM award.

Apodaca, who was unaware that she had been selected as GEM, was rendered speechless at the

podium. Lt. Gov. Monica Atone supported her, saying she understood what it was like to be caught off-guard, and gave her own congratulations to the awardee.

"I know it is long overdue and the Community really does appreciate the service that you provide, thank you," Antone said.

Shortly after the GEM award presentation, Apodaca spoke about the changes she has experienced during her time working at OGC.

She said when she began working, the office was located in the Executive Key off of Casa Blanca Road. During that time she worked as a Legal Secretary 1 under Rod Lewis, an experience she described as amazing.

Apodaca has done just about every job imaginable at the office, from setting up new employees, to handling contracts and budgets. Recently, her pet project has been to upgrade OGC's interior.

She said the office needed a new paint job and nothing was on the walls, so she wanted to spruce things up a bit by adding a new coat of paint to the office's walls and put up pictures that culturally and historically represented the Community.

"I wanted to bring the Community into the office," she said. "We have so many meetings here, I wanted whoever walked into the office to get a little bit of background and appreciate it."

When asked what it has been like to work with OGC over the past 17 years, Apodaca responded, "It takes a lot of teamwork

to keep everything going, to make everybody happy. I think we have accomplished that in our office. I love working here," she said.



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Long time Community educator, John Timmons, to retire after 33 years

Thomas R. Throssell
Gila River Indian News

For the past 33 years, John Timmons has worked in just about every position in the field of education in the Gila River Indian Community, from advisor, to teacher, to administrator. On June 23, Timmons, who is currently Director of Community Relations for Sacaton Elementary School District #18, will retire after serving the Community's youth for over three decades.

Born and raised in Southbend, Indiana, Timmons's passion for education earned him a Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education from Indiana University, and led him to the Sonoran Desert of southern Arizona where he obtained a Masters Degree in American Indian Education from Arizona State University.

"I specifically went to ASU for that program and that degree because I felt, back then, that probably one of the greatest needs in education, was in working with our Native American students," said Timmons. "When I graduated with my masters degree at ASU I just had this inner feeling that in consideration of all the different kids in public

schools the need [here] was probably the greatest," he said.

Though he felt he could have the greatest and most positive impact working in tribal communities, at the time, Timmons had little experience working with Native Americans.

Growing up in Southbend, he never had the opportunity to interact with Native Americans, but that quickly changed after moving to Arizona, where he began working with urban Native students in the Glendale Union High School District for the next 2 and a half years, and shortly after, was hired as a vocational and technical advisor for GRIC's Tribal Education Department for the next seven years.

From there, Timmons headed out to District 6 where he taught history, government, and English at the former Estrella Mountain High School. It was there, said Timmons, he built some of his fondest memories.

It was a small high school that initially consisted of one forty-foot modular building, housing an office and two classrooms, he said. Students would eat their lunch in the former St. John Indian Elementary School cafeteria and would



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John Timmons, Director of Community Relations for Sacaton Elementary School District #18, will retire on June 23. Timmons has worked in the Gila River Indian Community for 33 years.

play in the school's gym for their sporting activities.

"It was very interesting working out there," said Timmons. "We felt very isolated ...because at the time our district office... was at the former Williams Air Force Base, 42 miles from the high school, so we rarely saw anyone from the district," he said. "It was the feeling of remoteness and isolation, but at the

same time, it was kind of fun. It was really enjoyable working under those circumstances, [it was] a very small but close-knit group of teachers out there," he said.

After teaching at Estrella Mountain High School for seven years, Timmons taught for two years in Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and another two

years teaching in Maricopa County Juvenile Detention Center in both Phoenix and Mesa.

In 1999, he began working for the Sacaton Elementary School District where he worked a variety of positions including as career advisor for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP).

"GEAR UP, in my opinion, was without a doubt the best program this district has ever had," said Timmons. "[It] was a program to encourage and motivate students to go to college. We did a lot of neat things with GEAR UP, with the students, working with parents, providing summer enrichment programs at both ASU Polytechnic and ASU Main, taking them on field trips to all three of our state universities, ASU, U of A, (and) NAU. That was a very good experience," he said.

In his current position as Director of Community Relations for the school district, Timmons has been hard at work handling various tribal and corporate partners, creating a monthly district news letter, and managing any situations that develop between the school district and tribe.

But now, sitting in

his office located on the grounds of Sacaton Elementary School, with walls adorned in mementos of past projects, Timmons is looking forward to his retirement and relaxing with his wife on the Big Island of Hawaii.

"We enjoy going to Hawaii a lot," Timmons said. "It's kind of an interesting thing because...the thing about Hawaii is that I feel very comfortable there, I almost feel like I am back in Gila River. There are a lot of parallels between Hawaiian culture and O'otham culture, there truly are."

After traveling with his wife for some rest and relaxation, Timmons plans to catch-up with his hobbies of raising succulents and cactus, and spending some time on the airwaves as a licensed amateur radio operator.

Timmons said he has enjoyed his time working in the Gila River Indian Community and has learned a lot about both O'otham and Pee Posh culture and history. He said he encourages the people of the Community to stay strong just like their ancestors, and the Community has a lot to share with the outside world.

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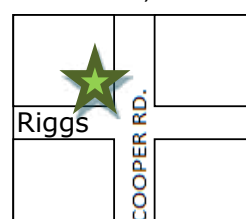
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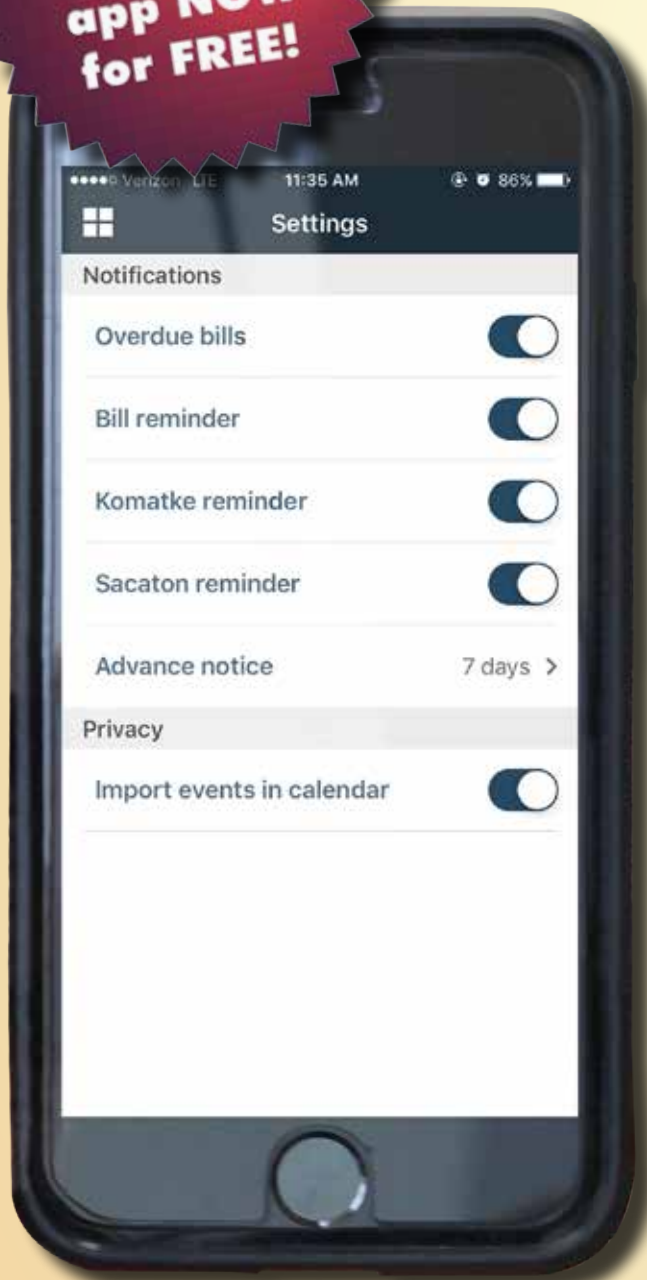
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Post 51 Memorial Day event

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According to the Department of the Army, Lance was awarded a Bronze Star Medal with V Device for heroism in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.

During a late night classified operation on August 1, 1969, Lance exposed himself to heavy small arms and mortar fire from an enemy force thought to be of battalion size or larger to retrieve a wounded team member. During the incident Lance shielded the wounded man's body with his own to protect him from further harm. The Bronze Star Medal with V Device is the fourth highest military decoration for valor.

PFC David Perkins

The Memorial Day event, while honoring all those who died during active military service, highlighted Private First Class David Perkins who was killed in action during the Vietnam War in 1966.

Perkins's sister, Pamela Jackson, received the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal and shawl, which was presented by Gov. Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone.

Anderson read a letter from Wanda Wright, Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, to Jackson:

"Pamela Jackson, on behalf of the state of Arizona and on behalf of the people of Arizona. I extend my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the family of David Perkins. He sacrificed his life in the defense of our nation and our freedom. The Arizona Gold Star military medal was established with the intention of creating a symbol of appreciation and recognition of service and sacrifice for our country. Please accept the Gold Star military medal as an expression of our sincere regret for your loss."

Fifty years after Perkins was killed in the Vietnam War, his family received official recognition and appreciation for his service and sacrifice. For members of Post 51, Perkins's recognition is something that should have happened long ago.

"It's long overdue," said Anderson. "It was really an honor to do this today. This happened before our watch, but we are involved in this big push to identify every military member of our Community. In doing so, we are discovering graves without headstones [and]



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

Pamela Jackson, sister of David Perkins, accepted an Arizona Gold Star military medal and shawl in recognition of her brother's service and sacrifice.



Thomas R. Throssell/GRIN

From left, Lt. Gov. Monica Antone, Lance Lewis, and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis. Lance was presented a Bronze Star Medal with V Device and Citation.

we are working to right that," he said.

Community member and AmeriCorps volunteer Andrew Antone, who is attempting to get a headstone for Perkins, said they initially found out about him from a chance meeting with his uncle Dennis Perkins.

Antone said they asked Dennis if he knew any veterans in the area, and that is when he began talking about his nephew David, who was killed in the Vietnam War.

"We actually found out about David Perkins from his uncle Dennis," said Antone. "We were trying to find his grave site for a long time, [so] we called [Dennis] out there and asked him if he could show it to us, and he did."

When they came upon Perkins's grave, they found it to be in poor condition.

"There was nothing on it, no cross, just a little placard," Antone said. "You could barely make out a name...imprinted in there. The rest of it is eroded away from weather," he said.

For the past 10-months Antone has been hard at work getting Perkins's Certificate of Release, known as DD Form 214, and obtain a headstone. To get a headstone they must receive Perkins's DD 1300, a military casualty form. Antone has been writing to Arizona Senator John McCain and Congressman Tom O'Halleran to help with the process, but is currently still waiting for a response.

For both Post 51 and Antone, when it comes to making sure Community heroes who have fallen in combat receive recognition, they will be there to make sure they are appreciated and remembered.

"Hopefully the family feels better that there is some recognition, that he is not forgotten," said Post 51 member Darrell Whitman. "That is what we are trying to push, that he is not forgotten."

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP 2017



The Gila River Indian Community in conjunction with Indian Youth of America Camp will be offering a free summer camp to boys and girls ages 10-14.

Location of camp: Whispering Pines Camp — Prescott, AZ

Dates: June 14-23, 2017 (9 nights, 10 days)

The camp goal is to provide opportunities and experiences that will aid Native American children in their educational, career, cultural, and personal growth while fostering a positive sense of self and heritage.

Camp Packets can be printed online at mygilariver.org, requested via email at special.events@gric.nsn.us, or packets can be picked up at the C.P.A.O. office located at the Governance Center, Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm.

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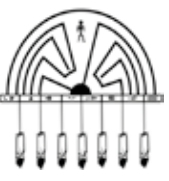
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29th Annual Gila River Youth Conference and Transportation Schedule



29th Annual Gila River Youth Conference
June 23-24, 2017
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 (Please print clearly. Fill in all blanks. Some information is needed in case of emergency.)

Step 1

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COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

Step 2

You can count on my full participation in all sessions and activities of the 2017 Gila River Youth Conference. I pledge to conduct myself in a manner that will bring only credit to the Gila River Indian Community. I pledge to wear my name badge around my neck and visible at all times. I pledge to remain drug, tobacco, and alcohol free during the entire conference.

 Signature of Participant Date

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION/ LIABILITY RELEASE/PHOTO RELEASE

Step 3

If the participant is a minor, this form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. I hereby approve the participation of my son/daughter in the 2017 Gila River Youth Conference. In the event of illness or accident, I give my consent for him/her to receive medical attention. Also, I will not hold liable the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council or the Gila River Indian Community, or any of its agents, volunteers or other organizations involved in this conference. I will also be responsible for any damages to public or private property done by the above named minor during the entirety of above mentioned event. By signature below I grant permission to photograph and/or film my child for use by the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council or the media for the purpose of information the public of programs provided by the Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council.

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 Phone number of Parent or Guardian

Step 4

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Step 5

Please complete, scan, and email to: YouthCouncil@gric.nsn.us or fax to (520)562-3621. Questions please email or call our office: (520) 562-1866. **Also bring the original with you to the conference.**

29th Annual Gila River Youth Conference
June 23-24, 2017 Hilton Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona
 1011 W Holmes Ave, Mesa, AZ 85210

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE


Friday June 23, 2017 (Registration opens at 9:45am, closes at 2:00pm)

Districts	Arrive @ Service Center	Depart Service Center	Arrive @ Hilton Phx/Mesa	Depart Hilton Phx/Mesa	Arrive @ Service Center
#1 (Bus 1)	8:45am	9:00am	10:00am	11:00pm	12:00am
#2 (Bus 1)	9:00 am	9:10am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:45pm
#3 (Bus 2)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:40pm
#4 (Bus 3)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:40pm
#5 (Bus 3)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:40pm
#6 (Bus 4)	8:45am	9:00am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:45pm
#7 (Van)	9:00am	9:10am	10:00am	11:00pm	11:50am

Saturday June 24, 2017 (Registration opens at 9:45am, closes at 1:00pm)

Districts	Arrive @ Service Center	Depart Service Center	Arrive @ Hilton Phx/Mesa	Depart Hilton Phx/Mesa	Arrive @ Service Center
#1 (Bus 1)	8:45am	9:00am	10:00am	12:00am	1:00am
#2 (Bus 1)	9:00 am	9:10am	10:00am	12:00am	12:45am
#3 (Bus 2)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	12:00am	12:30am
#4 (Bus 3)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	12:00am	12:30am
#5 (Bus 3)	9:00am	9:15am	10:00am	12:00am	12:30am
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#7 (Van)	9:00am	9:10am	10:00am	12:00am	1:00am

May Charters is the official transportation carrier for the Gila River Youth Conference. Transportation is provided daily to GRIC youth only. Charter bus will only transport youth after conference if they were transported to the conference on the charter bus. Please respect the transportation driver, chaperone, & passengers. All backpacks, bags, luggage, will be subject to inspection by Youth Conference staff, chaperones, and/or police escorts for the safety of conference participants. Transportation times are subject to change. Sign up at your local District Service Center. Please fill out registration forms prior to arriving at conference with all required signatures. If you have any questions, please contact youth council office at (520) 562-1866 or youthcouncil@gric.nsn.us.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTION SHEETS

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ACTION SHEET

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CALL TO ORDER

The Second Regular Monthly Meeting of the Community Council held Wednesday May 17, 2017, in the Community Council Chambers at the Governance Center in Sacaton, Arizona was called to order by presiding Chairman Governor Stephen R. Lewis at 9:12 a.m.

INVOCATION

Provided by Councilwoman Sandra Nasewytewa

ROLL CALL

Sign-In Sheet Circulated

Executive Officers Present:

Governor Stephen R. Lewis

Lt. Governor Monica Antone

Council Members Present:

D1- Arzie Hogg; D3- Rodney Jackson; D4-Nada Celaya, Jennifer Allison (11:12), Barney Enos, Jr. (9:20), Christopher Mendoza; D5-Marlin Dixon, Robert Stone, Franklin Pablo, Sr.; D6-Anthony Villareal, Sr., Charles Goldtooth, Sandra Nasewytewa; D7- Devin Redbird

Council Members Absent:

D1- Joey Whitman; D2-Carol Schurz; D3- Carolyn Williams; D5- Brian Davis, Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED AS AMENDED

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS (Limit to 5 minutes)

1. Native STEM Robotics Program Report

Presenter: JoEllen Kinnamon

MS. JOELLEN KINNAMON PRESENTED THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, SUPPORT STAFF AND THE PROGRAM. STUDENTS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND PROVIDED A BRIEF DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR ROBOTICS. VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS EXPRESSED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. Recognition of Ms. JoEllen Kinnamon

Presenter: Pamela Thompson

MS. PAMELA THOMPSON PROVIDED A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE LUNCHEON TIME. GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS REQUESTED A MOTION TO ALLOW RECORDING OF THE PRESENTATION FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY, DUE TO THE RESTRICTION WITHIN THE CURRENT BROADCAST AND RECORDS RETENTION POLICIES. LT. GOVERNOR MONICA ANTONE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW FOR THE MOTION TO BE MADE. MOTION WAS MADE AND DIED FOR THE LACK OF A SECOND; IT WAS DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD UTILIZING THE GRIN. GOVERNOR LEWIS MOVED IN RECOGNIZING THE STEM PROGRAM STUDENTS AND PROVIDED A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MS. KINNAMON'S CAREER AND INSPIRATION AND PRESENTED HER WITH A PENDLETON BLANKET ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY. MS. KINNAMON EXPRESSED WORDS OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE.

[GOVERNOR STEPHEN R. LEWIS CALLED FOR A 10-MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:40 A.M.]

REPORTS

1. Community Technology Center FY2017 2nd Quarter Report

Presenter: Connie Jackson

REPORT HEARD

2. Haskell Osife-Antone Auxiliary Unit 51 Revised FY17 1st 2nd Quarter Donation Financial Report

Presenter: Alison Anderson

REPORT HEARD

3. Haskell Osife-Antone Post 51 FY17 2nd Quarter Report

Presenter: David Anderson

REPORT HEARD

4. Blackwater Community School Quarter 2 Report

SY2016-2017

Presenter: Jagdish Sharma

REPORT HEARD

5. Casa Blanca Community School Quarter 2 Report SY2016-2017

Presenter: Patricia Avalos

REPORT HEARD

6. Gila Crossing Community School Quarter 2 Report SY2016-2017

Presenter: Dr. Gregory Sackos

REPORT HEARD

7. Maricopa Village Christian School Quarter 2 Report SY2016-2017

Presenter: Larisa Quijano

REPORT HEARD

8. St. Peter's Indian Mission School Quarter 2 Report SY2016-2017

Presenter: Sister Martha

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO TABLE

9. Gila River Sand & Gravel Quarterly Report FY-17 Qtr. 1 & 2

Presenter: Michael Morago

REPORT HEARD

RESOLUTIONS

*1. A Resolution Approving The Attached Confidentiality-Nondisclosure Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And The American Indian Policy Institute At Arizona State University (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Ronald Rosier, Dale Gutenson

APPROVED

2. A Resolution Approving The Fiscal Year 2017 Gila River Indian Community Indian Housing Plan Amendment For Implementation And Submittal To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Kelly Gomez

APPROVED

3. A Resolution Authorizing The Department Of Community Housing To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Housing And Urban Development, Public And Indian Housing, FY2017 Community Development Block Grant Program For Indian Tribes/Alaska Native Villages (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Kelly Gomez, Pamela Dallas

APPROVED

4. A Resolution Approving The Submission Of Year Two Of The Five Year Grant Application To The American Indian/Alaska Native Program Branch, Head Start Bureau, Department Of Health And Human Services In Order To Provide Refunding For The Head Start/Early Head Start Program (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; ESC concurs)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Jaime James

APPROVED

5. A Resolution Authorizing The Gila River Early Head Start To Submit A Grant Application To The United States Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families, Office Of Head Start American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start Expansion And EHS-Child Care Partnership Grant For Year Three Of The Five Year Grant (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval; ESC concurs)

Presenters: Isaac Salcido, Jaime James

APPROVED

6. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2016 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Gookin Hydrology, PLC (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

7. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing

Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2016 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Franzoy Consulting (G&MSC motioned to forward to

Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

8. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2016 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Harvey Economics (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

9. A Resolution Approving And Authorizing Amendment #1 To The October 1, 2016 Agreement Between The Gila River Indian Community And Hardee Consulting (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenters: Linus Everling, Thomas Murphy

APPROVED

ORDINANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Gila River Indian Community Tribal Education Department and School District (ESC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval)

Presenter: Isaac Salcido

DISPENSED AT APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Participation of Community Entities in Economic Development Study (EDSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval with included information)

Presenter: Ron Rosier

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

3. Petition Denial for Membership for Tina Sandoval (LSC forwards to Council with recommendation for approval of the denial)

Presenter: Sheila Riley-White

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO APPROVE

THE DENIAL

NEW BUSINESS

1. Gila River Sand & Gravel, FY-16 Financial Audit (G&MSC motioned to forward to Council under New Business; EDSC concurs)

Presenters: Michael Morago, Bob Gazis, Henry & Horne, LLP, Certified Public Accountants

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

2. Blackwater Community School Letter of Request (ESC forwards to Council for discussion and action)

Presenter: Arzie Hogg

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO DISPENSE

THE REQUEST TO UTILIZE AKIN GUMP BUT

TO ALLOW COUNCILMAN HOGG TO

ACCOMPANY TO WASHINGTON, DC

3. Certification of 2017 Community Council Election (LSC forwards to Council)

Presenter: Nadine Shelde

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO CERTIFY

THE ELECTION RESULTS

4. Legislative Standing Committee Community-At-Large Member Verbal Resignation (LSC accepts the resignation and forwards to Council to declare a vacancy for the Community-At-Large Position)

Presenters: Legislative Standing Committee

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO ACCEPT

THE RESIGNATION, DECLARE A VACANCY

AND TO ADVERTISE FOR 60-DAYS

5. Request for Community Council Work Session

Presenters: Governor Stephen R. Lewis, Lt. Governor Monica Antone

MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO HOLD THE

WORK SESSION ON JUNE 15, 2017, 9AM;

LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

[ADDENDUM TO AGENDA]

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6. NCIA Mid-Year Conference, June 12-15, 2017
 Presenters: Community Council
MOTION MADE AND SECOND TO OPEN UP TO ANY COUNCIL INTERESTED MINUTES
ANNOUNCEMENTS
 > PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE GLORIA AN-TONE FAMILY
 >PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE MONICA WIL-LIAMS FAMILY
 >PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THE COLETTE SOKE FAMILY
 >ANNOUNCED TO NATION LITIGATION SET-TLED WITH THE STATE
 >G&MSC WORK SESSION, FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017, 9AM
 >SECTION 16 LITIGATION UPDATE PROVIDED
 >ARZIE HOGG ON TRAVEL, MAY 23-25, 2017
 >CEOT MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017, 3PM
 >ENCOURAGEMENT FOR COUNCIL TO ATTEND COMMUNITY GRADUATIONS
 >IOPC MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017, 1PM
 >REMINDER OF NATIONAL POLICE WEEK ADJOURNMENT
 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:28 P.M.
 * Denotes TABLED from previous meeting(s)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CBCS NOW HIRING

Casa Blanca Community School is now hiring for the following 2017-2018 School Year positions: Kindergarten Teacher, Math Interventionist, FACE Parent Educator, Traditional Agriculture Instructor, Desktop Specialist/Instructor, Facilities Coordinator, and Custodian. Located at 3455 W Casa Blanca Road, Bapchule, AZ 85121. For salary and qualification information, visit www.cbcschools.com/Employment or contact Human Resources at 480.403.8595 ext. 2512.

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Gila River's Animal Control Program & Spay/Neuter Clinic will be having their annual summer rabies clinics starting in late June 2017. If your dog or cat is at least 3 months old it can get a Rabies shot. The dogs/puppies 5 in 1 and the cats/kittens 3 in 1 health shots will also be available. We will also be offering tick/parasite control. The following is the schedule:



District 6 Tribal Health Department	Friday, June 16, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
District 1 Multi Purpose Building	Monday, June 26, 2017	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
District 2 Ball Park	Monday, June 26, 2017	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
District 3 Service Center	Tuesday, June 27, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
District 4 Ball Park Ramada	Wednesday, June 28, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
District 5 Ball Park Ramada	Thursday, June 29, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
District 7 Ball Park Ramada	Friday, June 30, 2017	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Agreement prevents further gaming expansion in Metro Phoenix

Communications & Public Affairs Office
Gila River Indian Community

SACATON, AZ. - The Gila River Indian Community and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis issued the following statement regarding the settlement agreement signed today by the State of Arizona and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

"For years, our Community and my administration have held as a top priority resolving the West Valley casino dispute in a manner that preserves the balance of tribal gaming in metro Phoenix and the state of Arizona," said Gov. Stephen R. Lewis. "While we are still reviewing the fine print details of this agreement, the geographical restrictions against new casino

placed upon the Tohono O'odham Nation represent a victory for every Arizona Tribe concerned about protecting what gaming means to our people and our economies."

Gov. Lewis added his thanks to Gov. Doug Ducey. "Our Community and Tribes everywhere, as well as the residents of the Valley, should certainly feel gratitude toward the Gov-

ernor for refusing to buckle under pressure from special interests who had sought to further expand gaming in metro Phoenix. With this agreement, the East Valley and other regions will be spared the distractions and issues felt for years now in the West Valley."

In October 2016, the Community and seven Arizona Tribes reached agreement with Gov. Ducey on

an amendment to the 2002 tribal gaming compacts and an accompanying agreement designed to open up new Indian gaming compact talks. Since then, there have been ongoing talks between the State and the Tribes.

Said Gov. Lewis: "The Glendale casino represents a violation of the tribal gaming framework presented to and approved by

Arizona voters in 2002, and it is a cautionary tale. This settlement recognizes the vital importance of keeping the promises we make to voters and preserving the delicate balance necessary for tribal gaming to benefit Arizona, its residents and Arizona's Indian communities."

Sacaton Middle School teacher receives special recognition

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

A local teacher was recognized at a recent ceremony held during a Community Council Meeting at the Gila River Indian Community Governance Center on May 17.

She's become a well-known educator among generations of students that have passed through the classrooms at Sacaton Middle School. She is notable for her contributions to the Community's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics initiative.

JoEllen Kinnamon, who has worked tirelessly to see her students succeed in their education, received a slew of congratulations for her commitment to

serving GRIC's children.

During the special recognition ceremony Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis presented Kinnamon with a Pendleton blanket as a token of the Community's appreciation, which was followed by a lunch reception at the Sacaton Elementary gymnasium.

Gov. Lewis said Kinnamon has given much to the Community, and is well known among the parents and students, who have had the pleasure of meeting her through the GRIC STEM initiatives.

Kinnamon said that the only thing that matters is seeing them realize how much success they can achieve when given the opportunity to demonstrate their skill and knowledge



Sacaton Middle School teacher JoEllen Kinnamon was recognized by Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis and Lt. Gov. Monica Antone on May 17.

through their participation in STEM activities.

"This is exciting, what's happening to our

Community, that we are finally bringing the science, technology, engineering and mathematics to our schools," said Lewis

At the Governance Center and SMS, students and their parents came out to thank Kinnamon for her support, which was fol-

lowed by a video highlighting the work she has done in the STEM robotics program.

She said, "I'll never stop...all the kids that I have worked with are Native. I'll finish here god willing and I thank everybody."

Lewis said it was exciting to see that STEM based activities are becoming a reality in the Community, that has been spearheaded by Kinnamon.

Gov. Lewis said that Kinnamon, like many of the educators across the Community, give much of their time and effort to seeing their students succeed in subjects that are challenging, that open the door to careers in engineering, science and robotics.

Phoenix Zoo continues conservation with shared gaming revenue

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Phoenix Zoo received a boost in support for the conservation of the state of Arizona's most vulnerable population of wildlife.

The Multi-Species Conservation Support Center, ahead of opening its doors to a new care facility at the Phoenix Zoo, held a reception on May 20.

The new facility will expand the availability of services related to educating and caring for endangered native animals to Arizona and includes species

from across the globe.

Some of the animals that are currently in their care are the Mt. Graham Red Squirrel, the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl and the Chiricahua Leopard frog, which has been threatened by invasive species.

The new center is partly funded by the Gila River Indian Community's state shared gaming revenue that gives to local organizations, such as conservation and preservation of wildlife and habitats.

GRIC Office of Special funding Program Manager Cheryl Pablo said, "This

really allows them to expand to accommodate more species the center works with. They focus on certain ones for a certain amount of time until they get the population back up."

At the ceremony a special plaque was presented to the Community in appreciation for the funding that went into building the new conservation center.

The other organizations that helped fund the construction of the center are the Arthur L. and Elaine V. Johnson Foundation.



The Multi-Species Conservation Support Center.

Photo Courtesy of the Office of Special Funding

Council of Elders hosts Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community members



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Delbert Ray and Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis.

Christopher Lomahquahu
Gila River Indian News

Representatives from the Salt River Pima Mar-

icopa Indian Community visited the Gila River Indian Community to meet with members of the GRIC Council of Elders on May

26.

The meeting was organized by the COE and Elderly Services Department and included several members from within the Community and urban members.

SRPMIC President-Delbert Ray said it was a great opportunity to meet with elders from COE, to learn more about how they organize and discuss issues that impact them.

"It's all about being inclusive and telling [our] elders that [they] matter," said Ray.

He said the idea of developing a similar group

within his community has been in discussion and that meeting with the Community helps better define how that group will look like when fully organized.

Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis praised Ray and the visiting SRPMIC delegation for taking an interest in learning more about the Community's Council of Elders.

Ray said it is also about bridging the youth and elders together to share stories and bring the issues they face to the forefront by establishing a group to represent them.

Of the topics discussed



GRIC elders and SRPMIC members met on May 26.

with the SRPMIC representatives and President Ray, were the different initiatives the COE has advo-

cated, such as road hazard, crimes against elders and elderly fraud.

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When GRHC patients are admitted to an outside acute care hospital partner such as Chandler Regional, Dignity, or Banner, the GRHC Case Management team goes into action to help patients and their families.

HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

Once a GRHC patient is admitted to a partner hospital, the Case Management team is informed by the partner hospital.

WHEN ADMITTED TO AN OUTSIDE HOSPITAL, GRIC PATIENTS ARE CONTACTED BY GRHC CASE MANAGERS:

- To ensure the GRIC member/patient is receiving excellent care
- To communicate on behalf of the patient/family with the partner hospital's case manager, social worker, discharge planner, or care coordinator
- To ensure discharge from the hospital is as stress-free and as easy as possible
- To call GRIC patients after discharge to help with setting up a follow-up appointment with their GRHC Primary Care Provider

Often times, navigating outside healthcare services can be challenging. The GRHC Case Management Team exists to help patients while they are in the hospital and upon discharge, to ensure that their GRHC Provider Team is informed and prepared for follow-up treatment.

Overall, the Case Management Team is committed to ensuring that GRIC patients receive quality healthcare.

If you have a family member or friend from the Gila River Indian Community who needs our help, please contact the Case Management Team (520) 562-3321 ext. 1271.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLOSURES

FOURTH OF JULY 7.4.17  LABOR DAY 9.4.17

CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS HU HU KAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

MAIN ENTRANCE & NORTH PARKING LOT PROJECT ARRIVAL EXPERIENCE

PHASE 1B - West Parking Lot - June 19, 2017 - July 7, 2017
Patient and employee parking will be affected in the northern section of the campus. Access will be via the new Temporary Access Road at the east end of the parking lot during this phase, and then the new main driveway will open for use.

By September 2017, the patient drop-off, front entrance, and main lobby at HHKMH will be completed, thereby eliminating the need for the Temporary Entrance and completing all HHKMH construction projects which began in 2016.

BUS STOP Move on June 19, 2017
Temporary relocation of the bus stop

PHASE 1A: Temporary Access Route COMPLETED

PHASE 3A - New Main Entry June 19, 2017 - June 30, 2017
Patient and employee parking will be affected in northern section of campus. Access will be via the new Temporary Access Road at the east end of the parking lot during this phase, and then the new main driveway will open for use.

PHASE 2 - Elder and Handicap Parking June 12, 2017 - June 18, 2017
Elder and Handicap Parking to be relocated - designated parking north one aisle; current parking will then close permanently.

PHASE 3B - New Main Entry July 12, 2017 - September 15, 2017

RENAL CLINIC (NEW LOCATION)

BEGINNING JUNE 13TH, 2017,

the renal clinic at HHKMH will be held in the Primary Care Department in the main hospital building on

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

(Currently, clinic it is held on Thursday afternoons in the Life Center building.)

Patients will need to check in at the Main Lobby Patient Registration.

SUMMER FAMILY HEALTH EVENT

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
10 AM - 2 PM

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| • Child & Adult Immunizations | • Blood Sugar Checks |
| • Well-Child Exams | • Blood Pressure Checks |
| • Sports Physicals | • Diabetes Education |
| • Labs | • Asthma Education |

- Dist. 5 June 6 & June 8
- Dist. 4 June 13 & June 15
- Dist. 3 June 20 & June 22
- Dist. 2 June 27 & June 29
- Dist. 1 July 11 & July 13
- Ak-Chin. . . . July 18 & July 20

For more information, contact Robin Henry, FNP
Community Outreach Mobile Unit
(520) 610.2379.



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